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WHEN TO PLANT BULBS

By MRS. JOHN FIELD.
Hardy bulbs should be planted as early in the fall as possible.

Dealers will not begin sending out bulbs much before the latter part of September. Early orders get the best bulbs.

The best soil for bulbs for the house is a rich loam mixed with sand if too heavy, and forty mullet to lighten it.

Always choose a well-drained locality for your bulb-seed. If not naturally so, put at least six inches of broken crockery pieces of brick, old shoes, old bones, and the like to the bottom of the bed.

Never take bulbs out of the package the florist sends them in until you are ready to plant them. Do not leave them exposed to the light or air as this will cause loss of moisture and weaken vitality.

The scales of big bulbs often become soft and fatty when exposed to the air, because of the evaporation of the sap, which is the life blood of the bulb. Such bulbs are weakened and hardly worth planting. Put all bulbs in the cellar or in a dark, cool place until ready to plant.

Many plants will grow well in an ordinary window in winter, but the number that will soften freely under such conditions are few and need special protection. Many failures are due to an unsuitable selection of kinds, as well as to the extremes of heat to which the ordinary room is subjected.

September is a good time to root

URGE CONSERVATION OF GAME

Wild Life of Country Declared to Be Disappearing Before 5,000,000 Hunters.

Artificial propagation as a means of guarding against the extinction of American game and the need of further protective legislation were discussed at the first national conference on American game breeding and preserving at the Waldorf-Astoria, the New York Times states. Many important facts and statistics were produced to show the importance of renewing the supply of birds and other forms of wild life that fall prey to 5,000,000 game hunters in this country.

In the last five years, it was stated, the conservation commissioners of New York distributed 75,000 eggs and 25,000 pheasants to raisers of game. These were given free from the state farm at Shelburne, south of Utica. More than 250,000 hunting licenses were issued in the state, netting an income of \$200,000. These hunters killed about 15,000 deer, 800 according to H. T. Rogers, superintendent of the state farm; there are at present more than 20,000 deer in the state, the largest number on record.

It was also shown that 500,000 shot guns and rifles were sold and 1,000,000 cartridges used in the country. This number is exclusive of the muzzle-loading guns, which, it is estimated, would add 250,000,000 charges. Throughout the United States 1,500,000 hunters' licenses were issued last year, while the department of agriculture estimates that 5,000,000 men shoot game. To accommodate this immense army of hunters farms are being established to replenish the stock of pheasants, partridges, ducks, deer and other native game.

Barber's Magnetic Home.
A Los Angeles barber has placed an electro-magnet in the base that supports his home. This holds the blade of his razor firmly against the stone, thus keeping it flat, so that it is honed at the right angle and no part of the edge receives more sharpening than another.

He Smelt Them.
Church—They say that the New York market loses a million eggs a year by breakage. Isn't that enough to make one hold his breath?
Gotham—Hold his nose, I should say.

"I bought this for a mere song."
Indeed!
At any rate, I gave a note for it."

CAN'T BE CALLED "JOY RIDE"

Correspondent Writes of the Discomfort of Even Short Ride in One of the Zeppelins.

A correspondent of the *Daguerre Rybeder* received permission from the German military authorities to go aboard a Zeppelin during a recent raid, and he has sent a graphic description to his paper. He does not mention names of towns or cities which were bombed by the Zeppelin, as he was sworn to secrecy in this regard.

"A voyage in a Zeppelin while on a raid over the enemy's country is never to be forgotten," he writes in the *Daguerre Rybeder*. Aside from the nerve-destroying excitement of the occasion, the most pronounced experience of the voyage is the intense cold that envelopes the stratosphere like a cake of ice in its flight through the black night. No one can realize who has not experienced it just what this means. We had no lights and are not even permitted to smoke in order to relieve the monotony of the uncertain night.

The roaring of the North sea below us reaches our ears while above us is the star decked sky. We get the impression that the airship is like some extinguished star, roaming through black, cold space. We do not talk, someone in one caravans to talk. We remain silent. The air breaks over the bow of the ship like the waves of the sea over a vessel. These air waves seem to penetrate our very marrow. All is dark below us. Presently the faint lights of a village are discernible and then the bright illumination of a city comes in sight. We feel like a bird of prey that is about to pounce down upon its enemy.

"We yet ready to drop our bombs as the city lights are almost under us. The order is given. We see here and there a sharp white flame as the bombs strike and from the depths below we presently hear the faint roar of the explosion sounding to me like some damned soul. For a short time the Zeppelin rises, then it falls again and we return on our journey the intense cold enveloping us."

Fair Queen's Explanation of Carter's Late Stay Seemed Eminently Satisfactory.

The telephone long and the voice of an Ohio State university student said, "Hello! Do you know who is talking?"

"Of course," was the reply. "I recognize the charming qualities of your voice."

"Hello!" she said.

"Here you a good story for today?"

"What will I get if I give you a good story?"

"It is a good one, you will get your name in print."

"Hello!" she again eloquently remarked.

"Talking?" asked central, breaking in.

"Of course I am talking," said the "good," and those she continued to the reporter. "The story is about a young girl who took no risks for a picture show. When we returned, he stood so late that my mother had to call him. Finally he was called away, although."

"That is interesting," said the reporter, "but it is hardly worth going to the public. It seems to lack point."

"But I haven't come to the point and I can't come to it unless you ask me for the reason for his late staying."

"Well, what was the reason?" the reporter asked.

"I am," she replied.—Columbus Dispatch.

Troops Took to Drink.

In his latest protest against the basis of race relations Sir Victor Hugues states that the habit of spirit drinking was first contracted by our troops during Marlborough's campaign in Flanders says the Daily Mail reporter. As a matter of fact, they acquired this habit so far back as 1785, when sent to aid the Netherlands against their Spanish masters. In the Annals of the Reign of Queen Elizabeth Camden writes: "The English, who of all the northern nations had till now the moderate drinkers and most commended for their sobriety, learned in these Netherland wars first to drown themselves with immoderate drinking, and by drinking others' healths to impair their own. And ever since the vice of drunkenness hath so diffused itself over the whole nation that in our days first it was fain to be restrained by severe laws."

Angry Guinea Pig a Suicide.

A blind guinea pig, whose parents called him Hephaestus, leaped to his death rather than eat scented the slightest bit, says a Milwaukee Dispatch in the New York Herald. Its lack of the milk of human kindness had been supplemented by an injection of tubercular milk which the health department hoped to overcome its reaction upon the ungrateful young piglet. So far as they were able to discover, it merely gave him the jitters, for within five minutes after the operation he had gone to the happy snouting grounds.

Hephaestus was one of a family of guinea pigs that had been living in a room on the sixth floor of the city hall. His cage had a southern exposure, he was at the pulse of the city, so to speak, and he had, apparently, everything to live for. His parents are speechless.

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